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QUOTE S E C R E T TEL AVIV 6509

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, IS, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DAYAN: MEETING WITH DAYAN: WEST BANK,

PLO AND JORDAN

1. DURING MY MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH DAYAN HE ASKED ME
TO PASS YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

2. IT IS HIS JUDGMENT THAT AS THE U.S. CONTINUES TO
HOLD OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PLO
AND PUBLICLY PROMOTES THE CONCEPT OF A PALESTINIAN

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ENTITY, A COUNTER REACTION IS SETTING IN WHICH IS
REDUCING THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY EVENTUAL WEST BANK-
PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JORDAN.

3. IN ESSENCE, HE ARGUED, THE AMERICAN LEGITIMATIZATION
OF THE PLO IS CUTTING OFF JORDAN FROM THE WEST BANK
DOMINATED BY THE PLO. AND WEST BANKERS, WHOSE LIVES

ARE CLOSELY LINKED TO JORDAN THROUGH A WEB OF SOCIAL, FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL TIES, ARE INCREASINGLY INTIMIDATED AGAINST DEALING WITH JORDAN OUT OF FEAR OF A PLO WHICH APPEARS TO THEM TO HAVE GAINED AT LEAST THE TACIT RECOGNITION OF THE U.S. AS THE FUTURE RULERS OF THE WEST BANK.

4. IN SUPPORT OF HIS THESIS DAYAN CITED (A) THE FACT THAT FIVE WEST BANK MAYORS HAD REFUSED TO GO TO AMMAN TO CONGRATULATE HUSSEIN ON HIS SILVER JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY, (B) VERY SENIOR JORDANIANS HAVE SHARED WITH ISRAEL THEIR DISTINCT UNHAPPINESS ABOUT U.S. POLICY REGARDING THE PLO. (HE IMPLIED THAT HE HAD THIS FROM HUSSEIN, HOW I KNOW NOT). WHEN I SAID MY RECOLLECTION WAS THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THE WEST BANK MAYORS HAD ALREADY MADE KNOWN THEIR REFUSAL NOT TO GO TO AMMAN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S AND YOUR RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE PLO AND SC 242, HE SAID HE KNEW FOR SURE THAT THE MAYOR OF HEBRON, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT. WHATEVER THE CASE MIGHT BE CONCERNING AN INDIVIDUAL MAYOR, DAYAN SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE AWARE OF THE IMPACT OUR PLO POLICY WAS HAVING IN THE WEST BANK AND JORDAN.

5. COMMENT: AS WITH MUCH OF WHAT DAYAN SAYS, I FIND
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HIS MESSAGE BOTH SELF-SERVING AND YET PROBABLY NOT WITHOUT SOME FOUNDATION IN FACT. HE THRIVES ON PARADOXES, WHICH IS PERHAPS ONE REASON HE HAS SURVIVED SO LONG IN THE POLITICAL JUNGLES OF ISRAEL.

6. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO AMMAN.
LEWIS

UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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